

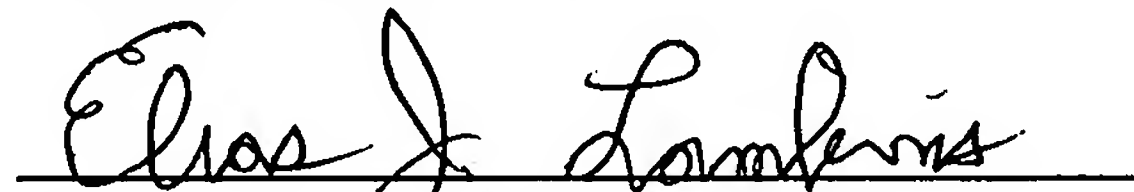
REMARKS

Claims 3, 4 and 9-12 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. There is no new matter added, and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 12, 2006

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elias J. Lampiris", written over a horizontal line.

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